

I am very concerned that the concept of local FM stations may become a thing of the past. While I understand that many people enjoy the "popular" music provided by many mainstream commercial stations, I find out more about a local area by listening to the non-commercial radio stations and would be very sorry to lose this. While I enjoy listening to these non-commercial stations when I'm out of town, I find the local stations in my area provide many services that are just not available on the "commercial" stations. Such as:

- local music shows, including church and traditional music society dances, local rock and blues bands, teen music shows (that AREN'T sponsored by the big alcoholic beverage companies!)
- extremely diverse music, including polka, reggae, vintage soul, punk rock, ambient music, blues, japanese punk, spiritual music, celtic, swing, folk
- live local music shows
- news about local events not otherwise covered by the radio media
- interviews with alternative viewpoints, such as non-democrat/repub candidates
- off beat syndicated programming, such as Free Speech Radio News, This Way Out, Latino USA, Counterspin
- the opportunity to participate in this community and have my own voice on the air, if I were to choose
- educational opportunities for kids groups (like scouting) to learn about broadcast media

My goodness, I could go on and on. Please do NOT take this away. Frankly, I can't think of any reason why there isn't room on the radio dial for everyone. Please don't let the big commercial media have EVERYTHING!

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. And please let me know what you finally decide.

Respectfully,
Sue Montana